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*Villiers (G.) 1st Duke of Buckingham*

A Continued

October 2.

# IOVRNALL

Of all the Proceedings of the Duke of  
*Buckingham*, in the Isle of *Ree*.

*Containing these particulars.*

The manner of releueing the Fort by sixe Shallops about  
a moneth since.

The now state of the Fort, with the taking of some of the  
Gouernours Messengers, who were swimming to the Maine  
with Letters, and were afterwards executed.

The comming of the French Kings brother before *Rochel*,  
with the building of a new Fort.

A sally made by the *Rochellers* vpon the French, where  
many of the French were slaine.

The great preparation of the King of *France*, the King of  
*Spain*, and the *Arch-Dutches*, to releue the Fort with 60.  
sayle of Ships.

The death of Sir *Iohn Burrowes*.

The death of the Gouernour *Thorax* his Brother, who  
was slaine that night.

An attempt of the French, with 12. Barks to releue the  
Fort, whereof sixe were taken.

A message sent from the Gouernour Monsieur *Thorax* to  
the Duke, and the successe thereof.

The killing of two French men in their owne trenches, by  
an Irish Souldier.

With many other particulars.

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# THE IOVRNALL CONTINVED TO THIS DAY.

*Continued to the 2. of October.*



Vr Army vnder the Conduct of his Illustrious Excellency, the Duke of *Buckingham*, lyes as yet before the Fort of Saint *Martins* in the Ile of *Ree*, which they haue intrrenched round about, except vpon the North side where it is enuironed with the Sea, yet that passage is so blockt vp by our Ships, Pinnaces, and Long boates, that it is a matter difficult, if not altogether impossible, (as matters stands now) to put any Provision of Victualls into the *Citadell*. For since that fixe Shalloppes of the Enemies, about a moneth since, brought some reliefe (though small to the besieged) by the benefit of a seasonable night, and by the conniuece (as it was doubted) of some *Dutch* who came to the Iland for Salt, and lay betwixt vs and the maine. But now all hope of succour is debarred that way, by running two of our warlike Ships on ground, close vnder the Fort,

upon the Auenue of the water Port, and by the diligence and vigilancy of the rest of the Fleet, who leaue no course vntempted, which Art or industry can propose for the finishing of this great worke, upon which the honour of our Nation liyes so much engaged.

So that besides the ordinary night and day watches obserued carefully by the Sea-men, diuerse long Boates well furnished with Musketers and Marriners round it about the Island all the night long, who haue intercepted three French Soldiers of the Fort, that by swimming thought to recover the maine with the Gouvernours Letters

The Contents of these Letters implied *That their want within were great, that the soldiers began to Mutinie, and that without speedy relief they could hold out no longer.*

The Messengers who sought to conuay them being apprehended, were hanged in sight of the Fort, with the Letters about their neckes. Neither did the importunity of these aduertisements want cause, for as it appeareth by the testimonie of diuers fugitiues, and by the euidence of sundry probable circumstances, the besieged are so much distressed for want of necessaries, that although their Infantry be of the Regiment of Champagne (which is held to bee one of the brauest of all France) and though there are diuers resolute Cavaliers within it (the reliques of those troupes, which at their first landing, were defeated by the English) yet want begins to make them loose both courage and obedience, and to demean themselves in a mutinous  
and

and insolent manner towards the Gonerhous, who knowing well the truth and iustice of their pretensions, giues them good words, and bids them be confident of suddaine reliefe. But wordes and winde feedes not the belly, as honour heates not the toes: so that their discontents remaine as great as their necessities are pressing. The violent inforcement whereof makes them ruine away by troupes ten and twenty in a company, and causeth others to aduenture themselves desperately out of their Workes, to gather Grapes, which growe betwixt the Fort, and our approches, many of whom are fetcht off by our Muskatiers, and slaine with the meate sticking in their mouthes.

Those within are allowed a small proportion of horseflesh, and sixe and fifty Peas a day.

The King of *France* his Brother is come downe within a league of *Roche*, with an Army of 11. thousand strong, both Horse and Foote: he brings sixe brasse Peeeces with him from *Paris*, with great store of Munition, and sundry materialls fit for the building of a Fort, the foundation whereof the French haue already layd opposite vnto that Fort, which was built on the North-West side of the Towne, in the yeare 1522. yet the *Rochellers* being confident of their owne strength, and of the English succours (which are ready to assist them vpon all occasions) resolute to endure all extreames, rather then to put their neckes vnder the yoke, or to faile in the course of their former resolutions.

Those of *Roche*, the Enemies lying neere, sent out twenty common Souldiers on horseback cloathed



thed in scarlet coates, and Armed after the manner of the French Gentlemen. The shew of this supposed salley, caused some principall Cavaliers of the Kings side to issue out of their Workes, of purpose to encounter them. But they retiring, and the others pursuing, they fell into an Ambush of 50. Muskatiers purposely layd by the *Rocbellers*, where diuers of them were slaine, amongst whom were two men of quality: for the recovering of one of whose bodies there happened a great Conflict, in which diuers of the French were slaughtered.

Although the ground about the Fort be hard to worke in, yet all difficulties being surmounted, our men haue drawne their approaches from the maine intrenchment (which lyes betweene Saint *Martins* Towne and the Fort) within lesse then Pistoll shot of the vtmost Counterskarfe, and that vpon two seuerall wayes or Auenues, whereof one is directed from the Batterie, and the other from the Redoubt.

Our Cannoniers haue dismounted all their Ordnance, except two sling Peeces, but of these they are able to make little vse, for want of Bullets: in foureteene dayes they haue made but one great Shot vpon our Quarter, which was but an exchanged Bullet, shot first from one of our Peeces.

But to supply this defect (though with a feeble meanes) they shoote and throwe many stones from their Workes, with which our men are so well acquainted, that it causeth as little terrour as it doth danger.

Our Armie keepes quatter with the French on  
land,



land, for all those who are taken prisoners, or run out of the Fort, after a daies restraint or two are dismissed, and sent into the maine with meanes of transportation & conduct. But of late no quarter is kept with them who are aken at Sea, because it appeared by the confession of some who were taken by our Boates vpon the 19. of the last moneth, that they are to confident and presumptiue vpon the Dukes mercie. His Excellencie lyeth in the Towne of Saint *Martins*, not farre from the Market place, attentiuely watching all faire opportunities, whose care and vigilancie wee hope that God will blesse with good successe. Monsieur *Subuifa* is in the Towne of *Rochell*, to confirme the Inhabitants with his presence and counsell.

The besieged haue not beene slacke in their duties, for besides their continuall plying vs with their vollyes of great and small shot, they haue attempted to vndermine one of our Batteries, but this Designe of theirs was frustrated by a Countermine of ours, which wrought such effects, that they were beaten out of their own Mine after some resistance.

They are so much distressed for want of shotte, that wanting Lead and Iron, they are faine to melt all their Pewter and Tinne, of which they make Bullets. But this shot shatters like Hayle, and doth lesse hurt by farre then the other.

His Excellence is very sparing of his men, as well knowing that walles of bones are farre stronger then those of earth and stones, and resolues by following the president of *Vanden Berke* at *Gulicke*,

and of *Spinola* at *Breda* to starve the besieged, or else to bring them to reason.

Vpon the Intercourse of some messages, his Grace hath employed Mr. *Aishburnham* (a Gentleman of his, lately arrived in *England*) vpon occasions of speciall businesse, twice or thrine unto the Governour *Thoran*.

Vpon his comming to the utmost Sentinell, and the remonstrance of his imployment, his eyes were blindfolded, and in this manner (because hee should not discover their Workes) he was conducted to receiue his audience.

The French giue out, that if wee do not depart the sooner, they will cause vs to doe it by maine force, being confident of those aydes which are promised them from the King of *Spain*, and the Archdutchesse, which together with their owne Ships, will make a Fleet of threescore saile, as they reckon in their large account. But I thinke this bragging of theirs will turne meerey into a French vapour, much shewe and little action. Howsoeuer they are sure to find a stout opposition, and a braue resistance.

Sir *William Courtney*, a Souldier of great conduct and experience, and Colonell of one of the English Regiments, was shot with a Musket from the Fort vpon the belly, but the Bulle lighting vpon some money in a little pocket, lost his force, and did no farther hurt.

Vpon Wednesday being the twelfth of September, that Honourable and valiant Knight Sir *John Burrowes*

*Burrowes*, Colonell Generall of the English Infanterie vnder his Excellencie the Duke of *Buckingham*, being carefull for the direction and suruay of all our Workes, came vp from his Quarters in the after-noon, to giue orders for the lining out of a new Intrenchment, and as hee came off from the Workes with some other Commanders, hee was vnfortunately shot in the belly thorow the guttes, about five of the clocke in the euening, with a Musket, which wound proved mortall: for within foure or five houres after he gaue vp the ghost, to the exceeding griefe of all the Armie, but specially of the Duke of *Buckingham*, who comming to visite him before his death, shed many passionate teares to expresse his griefe, due to the remembrance of so worthy a person. Hee shewed a great deale of constancie, resolution, & religion at his death, as he had in the whole course and passage of his life. His body was opened and embalmed, and sent into *England* with Mr, *Aisbournham*, who brought it to *Plymouth* on Monday, being the 24. of September, from whence it is comming about to *Potesmouth*, to be transported thence vnto *Westminster*, where it is to receiue the Sepulchrell rites of an Honorable interment.

Our Souldiers, but especially those of his Regiment were so much prouoked with this vnexpected accident, that in reuenge thereof they powred diuers vollyes of small & great shot vpon the French, with the storme whereof the Gouvernours brother was slaine, and some other men of quality.



On the Wednesday following Sir *John Burrowes* death, the French from the maine sought to releue the Fort with twelue Barkes laden with victualls and Munition, but they were intercepted by our sea Watch, and sixe of them taken, and all the Victualls and Prouision brought in to our Magazin; the other sixe were driuen backe vnto the Maine, but if the other Shallops that got in before, were no better stored then these, as in all likelihood they were not, there was not Victualls enough to serue them 14 dayes.

The Prisoners being demaunded how they durst hazard themselues so boldly vpon this attempt, answered, that they did it vpon confidence of the Dukes mercy, which they thought would not faile them if they were surprized. But to preuent this, and to hinder the like presumption, in others our Souldiers put them all to the sword, before they receiued any other orders from his Excellence.

Monfieur *Thorax* the Gouvernour of the Fort, sent to his Excellence the Duke of *Buckingham* to intreat him to giue leaue that he might send a Messenger to his Master the French King, which was granted by his Excellence, vpon condition that he would undertake that hee might send a seruant of his safely thorough *France* for *England*: this being agreed on both sides, his Excellence dispatched Master *Ashburnham*, a Gentleman of his Chamber, to goe along with the Gouvernours seruant; but when they came to *Paris*, the French neuer respecting the noble fauour done vnto them by his Excellence:



cellence : but contrary to all expectation, would not giue leaue that Mr. *Aishburnham* should passe any further, but to returne backe to the Iland : the Gouvernours man that came backe with him, his Excellence caused all his Letters to be taken from him, and keepeth him prisoner in the Armie.

The 2600. English and Irish vnder the command of Sir *Ralph Bingley*, and Sir *Pierce Crossby*, are arriued safely in the Iland : since whose comming there happened a memorable accident, by the mistake of two Souldiers of those troupes : who coming vp into our approaches, went from thence ignorantly into the Enemies trenches, lying close vnto our Workes, where they being discovered by the French Sentinell *Perdieu*, hee shot one of them dead with his Musket. The suruiuing Irish-man to reuenge his Fellowes death, drew out his skeane, and slew the French man, and being shot at (but mist) by another French Muskatier, hee killed him likewise, and leaping out of the Trenches, into which hee had ingaged himselfe vnadvisedly, hee came off cleare, and without any hurt at all.

*The end of the Journall.*

*July 4. 94*



Upon the death of that noble  
Knight, Sir Iohn Burrowes.

**I**F honour, vertue, and the glorious face  
Of noble actions could prolong the race  
Of mans appointed dayes, then had thy Fate  
Not made the Court and Campe disconsolate

Sir Iohn Burrowes got  
much honour  
at the siege of  
Ostend and  
Frankendale,  
and at the ta-  
king of Bell  
Sconce by the  
Duffe, where  
the Marquesse  
of Beluile, a  
braue Italian  
Colonell was  
slaine.

Renowned Burrowes; then Ostendes report,  
Frankendales last siege, and that surprised Fort  
Where Beluilles Marquesse fell, had stoppt the Knife  
Of fatall Atropos, and made thy life  
Immortall like thy actions: but no merit  
Which liues within mans best deserving spirit  
Can repeale Deaths decrees, for all must die,  
Slaine by the Shafts of dire mortality.  
Thus did the Funerall pile great Pompey burne,  
And Cæsars corpses fill'd the sepulchrell Urne.  
And thus braue Burrowes sleepes in Honours bed,  
Who dying liues, intomb'd, vnburied,  
Worthy Foes worth to haue suruin'd that death,  
Which robb'd him of his valour breathing breath.



